

Public Scoping Report Appendix B

Scoping Meeting Materials

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
RESTORATION PROGRAM

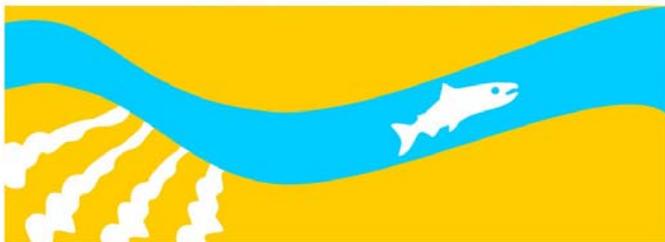


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Flood Management Coordination – State of California, Department of Water Resources

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SAN JOAQUIN RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM



Welcome to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Public Scoping Meetings!

Thank you for helping with first steps of the Program by attending today's Public Scoping Meeting. Always conducted at the beginning of the environmental review process, Scoping Meetings are held to assist the implementing agencies identify the scope of issues to be addressed and significant issues related to the Program. Scoping Meetings provide the opportunity for YOU to learn about the approaches being considered and provide insights on the environmental process and impacts. We want to hear your comments on impacts, alternatives and environmental issues. Please provide us with information on local conditions, issues, and concerns. Be sure to pick up a Comment Card and return it by Friday, September, 21, 2007.

Agenda

- **6:00-6:45pm: Overview Presentation**

Presenters include Reclamation, Department of Water Resources, Friant Water Users Authority, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. The presentation will describe the purpose of the meeting, provide an overview of the Settlement and Program implementation, and explain the public involvement process.

- **6:45-8:00pm: "Open House"**

Staffed by agency personnel and consultants, visit the various stations to discuss specific aspects of the Program. The following topics are highlighted at the stations:

Station 1 – Program & Process. Topics: Program goals, geographic overview, Program timeline, NEPA/CEQA process, organizational chart with roles and responsibilities, and environmental issues overview.

Station 2 – Fish Restoration Goal. Topics: Settlement provisions, restoration actions and options.

Station 3 – Water Management Goal. Topics: Settlement provisions, water management actions and options, restoration flow guidelines.

Station 4 – Flood Management. Topics: coordinated flood management planning, flood management actions and options.

Station 5 – Reach-by-Reach Overview. Displays: key features, maps and overlays of each reach.

Comment Station. Fill out Comment Cards in person and leave in the box provided. You may also mail, fax or email it back to us **by SEPTEMBER 21, 2007**. Where meeting locations support it, computers are provided for you to input your comments directly onto the Web site (www.restoresjr.com). Ask for help if you need it! (contact information provided on card and Website)

- **8:00-9:00pm: Public Comment Session**

In addition to your written comments, if you wish to make a verbal comment, please fill out a Speaker's Card from the Welcome Table and hand it to the Facilitator. Speakers will be called in the order in which Speaker Cards are submitted with the exception of elected officials, who will be called first.

Once again, thank you for taking time to participate in a public scoping meeting for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. **Visit our Web site, www.restoresjr.com, to stay informed.**

We hope to see you at a future Program activity!

Scoping Meetings

Tulare Tuesday, August 28 6-9 p.m.	Fresno Wednesday, August 29 6-9 p.m.	Los Banos Thursday, August 30 6-9 p.m.	Sacramento* Monday, September 10 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
International Agri-Center Banquet Hall 4450 S. Laspina Street Tulare, CA 93274	Piccadilly Inn, University Ballroom 4961 North Cedar Avenue Fresno, CA 93726	Merced Co. Fairgrounds Germino Room 403 F Street Los Banos, CA 93635	Library Galleria 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 *Agenda will differ for Sacramento Meeting

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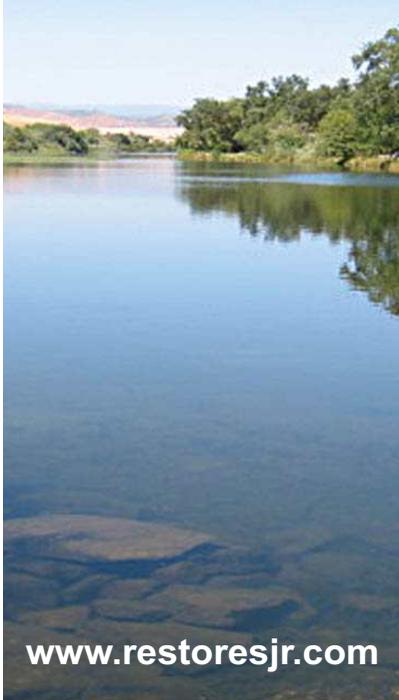
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PUBLIC SCOPING SPEAKER CARD

San Joaquin River Restoration Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

Please return Speaker Card to Registration Table.



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Name *(please provide pronunciation if needed)*

Organization *(if applicable)*

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

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Date

Location

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Public Scoping Meetings

August-September 2007



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Program Overview and History
 - **Implementing Agencies:** Jason Phillips, Reclamation
 - **Settling Parties:** Monty Schmidt, NRDC and Ron Jacobsma, Friant Water Users Authority
 - **Flood Management Coordination:** Paula Landis, DWR
- Open House
 - Visit Stations and Talk with the Program Team
- Public Comment Forum
 - Oral Comments



Purpose of Scoping

Gather public comments,
insights and local information
for the environmental document

Please provide written
comments!



Purpose of Scoping Meeting

PUBLIC

Provide comments on:

- Options
- Alternatives
- Environmental issues
- Local conditions, issues and concerns

AGENCIES

Describe:

- Settlement and program implementation
- Alternatives development and environmental review process
- Public involvement process

Meeting Guidelines

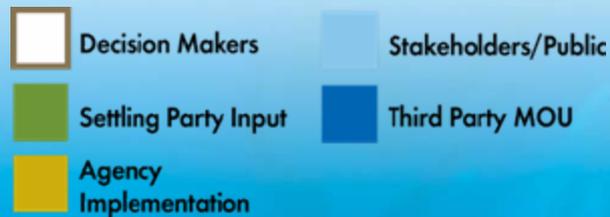
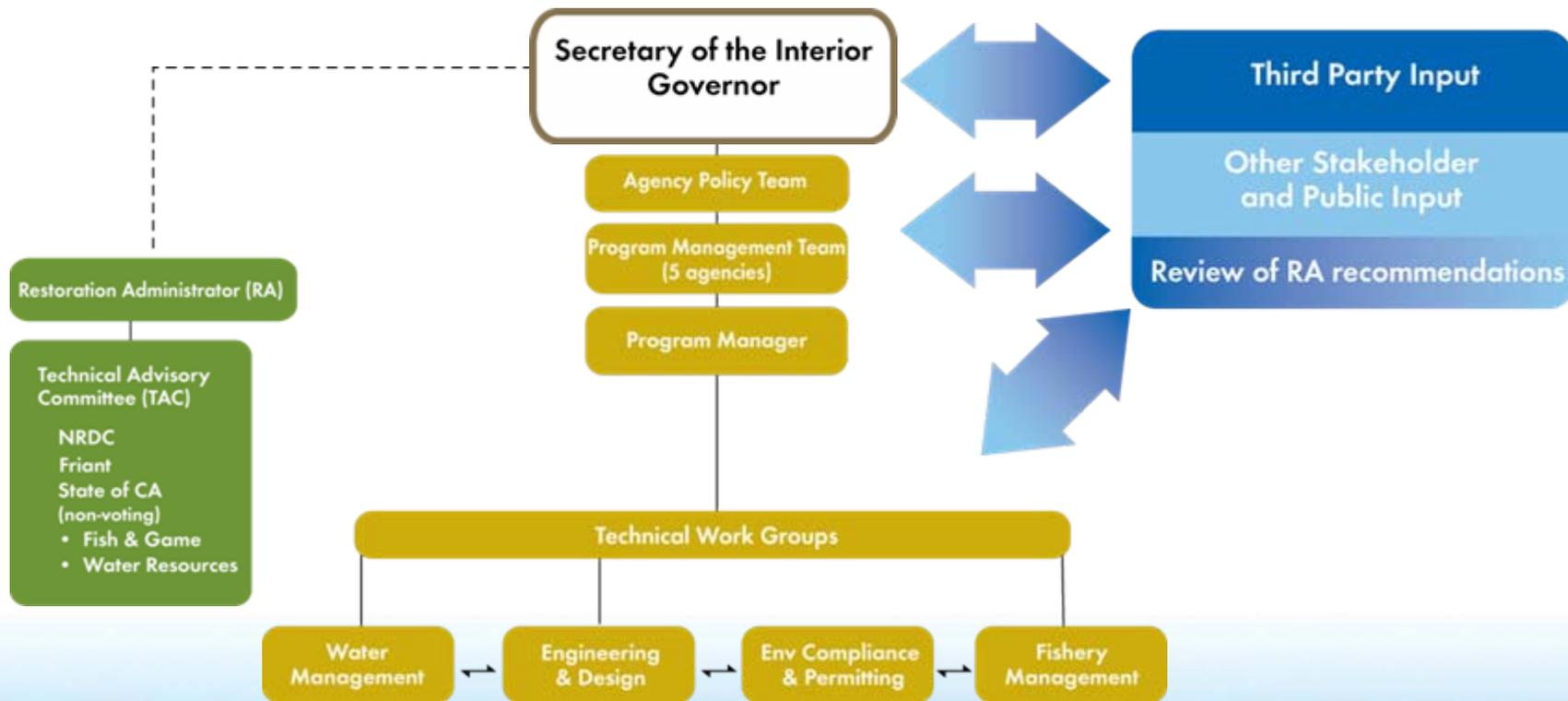
- **Ensure Everyone's Participation**
 - Structured to give everyone an opportunity to participate
- **Respect**
 - Listen carefully to other participants
 - Place cell phones, pagers, etc., on vibrate or silent mode
- **Honor Time Limits**
 - Please keep comments concise so everyone has an opportunity to speak
- **Identify Yourself**
 - State your name and organization or community



Settlement Implementation

1988	Lawsuit filed challenging the Bureau of Reclamation's renewal of the long-term water service contracts between the United States and the Central Valley Project, Friant Division contractors
1992	Congress directs Interior as part of CVPIA to develop comprehensive plan to restore the San Joaquin River
1998	Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sends the issue of the applicability of Section 5937 of the California Fish and Game Code to the operation of Friant Dam to the District Court
1998-2003	Friant and NRDC engage in settlement negotiations
2003	First round of settlement discussions end. Plaintiffs filed seventh amended complaint
2004	Judge rules that Reclamation violated Section 5937 of the Fish and Game Code
2005-2006	Settlement discussions are reinitiated
2006	Settlement reached with two main goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoration Goal• Water Management Goal

Program Structure





Proposed Program Funding

Water User/Federal Funding	Lifetime	Annual
CVPIA Friant Surcharge		≈ \$8 M/year
Friant Capital Repayment		≈ \$9 M/year
CVPIA Restoration Funds		up to \$2 M/year
Federal Appropriation	up to \$250 M	
State Bonds (2006)		
Proposition 84	\$100 M	
Proposition 1e	\$100 M	



Program Implementation Process

PROGRAM MILESTONES

STAGE 1

2007

- Complete Final Program Management Plan
- Publish Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation
- Appoint Restoration Administrator
- Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Issue Public Scoping Report
- Issue Draft Alternatives Report

2008

- Develop Draft Program Environmental Documents
- Issue Stage 1 Program Alternatives Report

2009

- Complete Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/R)

Stage 1 focuses on program-level planning and environmental review. It will include the identification of significant data needs that will be completed in Stage 2.

STAGE 2

2009

- Initiate Interim Restoration Flows

2012

- Reintroduce Salmon

2013

- Complete Phase 1 River Channel Improvements

Stage 2 will include: the start of interim restoration flows; detailed site-specific environmental review; implementation of high priority river improvements; reintroduction of salmon; and projects to meet water management goal.

STAGE 3

2014

- Initiate Full Restoration Flows

2016

- Complete Phase 2 River Channel Improvements

2025

- Complete All Improvements

During **Stage 3**, the full restoration flows will be initiated along with a long-term monitoring program to measure the performance of implementation.

Program Document

Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/R)

- **Evaluate** a range of alternatives to achieve Settlement goals
- **Analyze and identify** program-wide impacts
- **Provide basis** for site-specific environmental documents
- **Support** decision-making
- **Focus** on system-wide impacts beyond the Program Area

Environmental Compliance for Site-Specific Projects (As Needed)

- **Developed before implementing actions**
- **Focus** on site-specific impacts
- **In tandem** with or subsequent to the PEIS/R
- **Using information** and decisions developed in the PEIS/R
- **Additional public involvement** activities and comment periods

Public Comments

- The implementing agencies want to hear your comments:
 - What environmental issues and impacts should be evaluated in the environmental review?
 - What local knowledge or information can you provide to assist in the environmental review?
 - What options and alternatives should be considered and evaluated?
 - Fish Restoration (physical changes, flows, etc.)
 - Water Management (water recovery, recirculation, etc.)
 - Flood Management (protection of land uses and natural resources)
 - Other Options?
 - When and how would you like to be informed about and involved in the Program?



Commenting Process

WHEN:

Comments due by Friday, September 21, 2007

HOW:

Comment today at the Scoping Meeting

Comment online: www.restoreSJR.com

Mail comments: Margaret Gidding
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WHAT HAPPENS TO COMMENTS?

Comments will be compiled and addressed in a Scoping Document, provided to interested parties and placed on the Program's website www.restoresjr.com



Stations and Commenting

Station 1: Program & Process

Program, goals, process, timeline, environmental issues, and more

Station 2: Fish Restoration

Fish reintroduction provisions in the Settlement, new flows, and restoration actions

Station 3: Water Management

Water management provisions in the Settlement, actions, and options

Comment Station:

Provide comments on options/alternatives, environmental issues/impacts, local information, and planning process and public involvement

Station 4: Flood Management

Coordination between state flood management program and SJRRP

Station 5: Reach-by-Reach Considerations

Key features depicted in each reach, provide your local knowledge



Ground Rules for Oral Comments

- Any person wishing to make a comment will have an opportunity to do so (3 minutes per person)
- If you'd like to comment, please fill out a speaker's card and hand it to the facilitator
- Please limit comments to matters relating to the San Joaquin River Restoration program
- All comments will be considered equally and recorded by a note-taker.
- Please do not interrupt other people
- Please introduce yourself and tell us your organization, if applicable, before making a comment



For More Information

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Learn more about the SJRRP
Sign up to receive more information
Provide comments

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San Joaquin River Restoration Program

Public Scoping Meetings

Monty Schmitt

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Natural Resources Defense Council

Ron Jacobsma

General Manager

Friant Water Users Authority

Settlement Agreement

- Restoration Goal
- Water Management Goal
- Timeline
- Funding
- Legislation

CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT DOCUMENT — DRAFT OF June 8, 2006

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25 **Confidential Settlement Document**
26 **Mark of 06-8-06 Draft**
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29 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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32 NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE) CIV NO. S-88-1658-
33 COUNCIL, *et al.*,) LKK/GGH

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35 **STIPULATION OF**
36 **SETTLEMENT**

37 Plaintiffs,
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43 KIRK RODGERS, as Regional Director
44 of the UNITED STATES BUREAU
45 OF RECLAMATION, *et al.*,
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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

- Reintroduce Salmon
 - Spring and fall run chinook salmon
 - Establish naturally reproducing and self- sustaining populations
- Restore flows
 - From Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River
 - Obligation to protect flows all the way to the Delta
- Channel improvements
 - Flow conveyance
 - Fish passage and habitat



1. Gravel pits in Reach 1
2. Bifurcation Structure
3. Increase Reach 2B Capacity
4. Mendota Pool Bypass Channel
5. Arroyo Canal Fish Screen
6. Sack Dam Fish Passage
7. Reach 4b Flow Strategy
8. Sand Slough Control Structure
9. Mud & Salt Slough Barriers
10. Additional Improvements



- Ends litigation and begins restoration
- Enables a cooperative partnership
 - Five Agencies
 - Funding
- Other Benefits
 - Educational opportunities
 - Recreational opportunities
 - Water quality
 - Flood control
 - Habitat / National Wildlife Refuges



Service Area

Merced Co
Madera Co
Fresno Co
Tulare Co
Kern Co

Ag Water Contractors

Alpaugh I.D.
Arvin-Edison W.S.D.
Atwell Island W.D.
Chowchilla W.D.
Delano-Earlimart I.D.
Exeter I.D.
Fresno I.D.
Garfield W.D.
Hills Valley I.D.
International W.D.
Porterville I.D.
Rag Gulch W.D.
Saucelito I.D.
Shafter-Wasco I.D.
Southern San Joaquin M.U.D.
Stone Corral I.D.
Tea Pot Dome W.D.
Terra Bella I.D.
Tulare I.D.

Ivanhoe I.D.
Kern-Tulare W.D.
Lewis Creek W.D.
Lindmore I.D.
Lindsay-Strathmore I.D.
Lower Tule River I.D.
Madera I.D.
Orange Cove I.D.
Pixley I.D.

M&I Contractors

City of Fresno
City of Orange
Cove
City of Lindsay
Fresno Co. WWD #18
Madera County

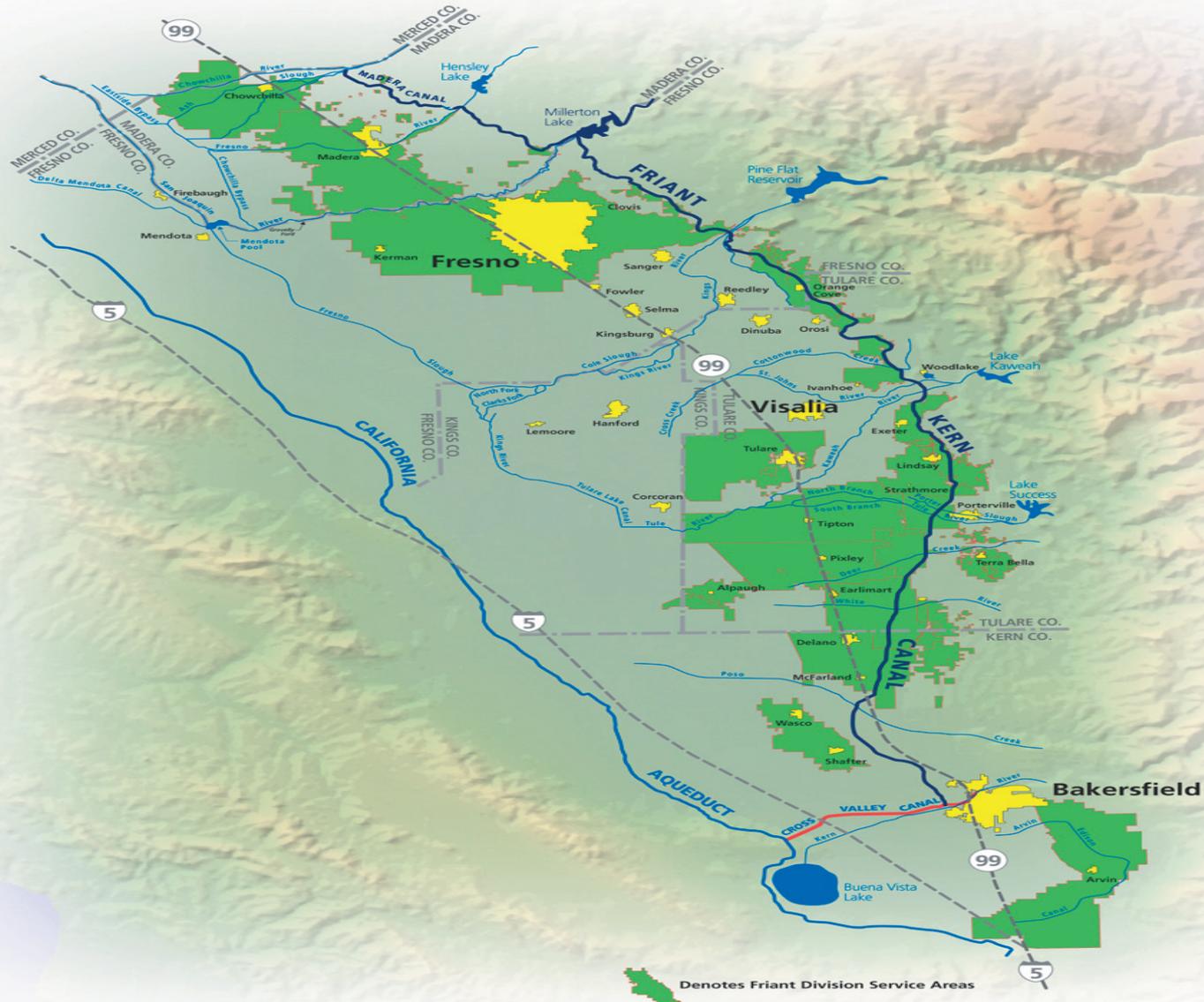


Water Management Goal Equal Goal of the Settlement

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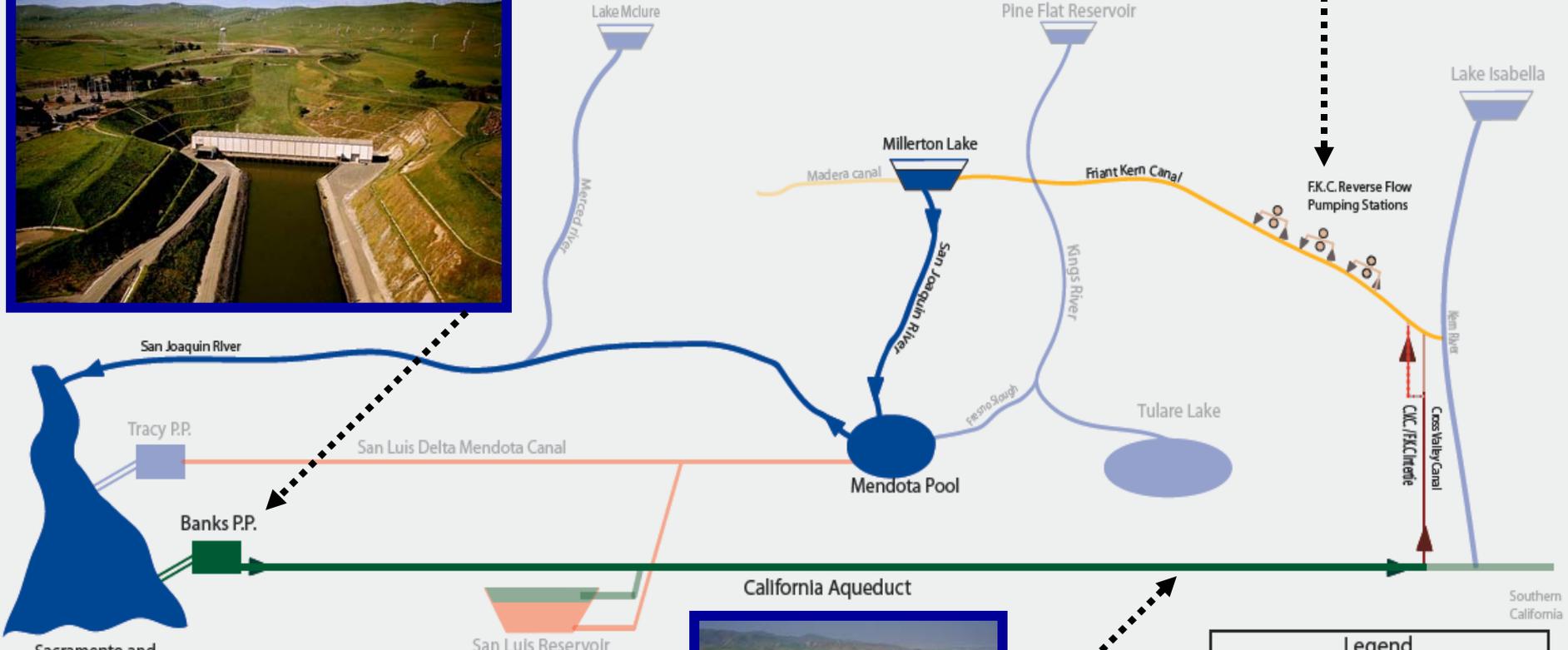
- Develop and implement a plan for recirculation, recapture, reuse, exchange or transfer of Restoration Flows to mitigate impacts to Friant Districts; and
- Implement a Recovered Water Account that will make wet year water available at reduced prices

Friant Division Service Area



Friant Division

Delta Recirculation concept
Via Cross Valley Canal Intertie



Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta

Main Features	
500 C.F.S.	Pipeline Intertie
500 C.F.S.	Reverse Flow Pump Station
250 C.F.S.	Reverse Flow Pump Station
125 C.F.S.	Reverse Flow Pump Station
Project Cost	\$12,000,000



Legend	
	Proposed Conveyance Structures
	Proposed Pump Stations
Concept:	A - 1
Date:	1-20-07
Drawing Not To Scale	

Southern California

Millerton Lake



Legend	
F.K.C. Capacity Correction	
	Friant Kern Canal
	Proposed Capacity Corrections
Concept: C - 1	Project Cost: \$23,000,000
Date: 1-20-07	

Legend

F.K.C. Capacity Correction

	Friant Kern Canal
	Proposed Capacity Corrections

Concept: C - 1	Project Cost: \$23,000,000
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	Date: 1-20-07
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San Joaquin River Restoration Program and Flood Management Coordination

**PEIS/EIR Public Scoping Meetings
August/September 2007
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California Department of Water Resources**



SJRRP Flood Management Areas

